Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi media messaging system in a communications network, arranged for sending and receiving messages between a at least one sender and at least one intended receiver, said system comprising:

- at least one storage facility, arranged for storing at least one outgoing message;

- a controlling arrangement, adapted for controlling storage of [[a]] the outgoing message and for controlling access to [[a]] the outgoing stored message;

- an accessing arrangement, arranged for providing access to [[a]] the outgoing stored message, and

- an alerting arrangement, arranged for providing an intended receiver with an alert relating to the storage of a message, wherein characterized in that, said controlling arrangement is arranged for storing and accessing [[a]] the outgoing message under control of the sender of said message.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein each storage facility is an outbox that is assigned to and paid for by the sender of [[a]] the outgoing message.

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said controlling arrangement comprises means arranged for manipulating [[a]] the outgoing stored message by [[a]] the, said manipulation including at least one of reading, editing and removing a message stored under the control of said sender.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said alerting arrangement is arranged for controlling said alert by said sender of [[a]] the outgoing message.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 4, wherein said alerting arrangement comprises means arranged for manipulating an alert, said manipulation including at least one of reading, editing and removing an alert under the control of said sender.

6.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said controlling arrangement is arranged for including additional information with [[a]] the outgoing stored message.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said alerting arrangement is arranged for including additional information with an alert.

8.   (Previously presented)   The system according to claim 6, wherein said additional information comprises one of the group including: a message identifier, at least one identification key for identifying at least one intended receiver, a telephone number, a URL, a message identifier, a subject, a personal identification number for access authorization and verification purposes, urgency of the message, validity or expiration time of the message, type of alert including a call attempt and a multimedia message, number of alerts, location of the storage facility of the message, key dates, message status and flags that will trigger transfer of notifiers of status changes to the sender.

9.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said controlling arrangement comprises means arranged for notifying [[a]] the sender of [[a]] the outgoing stored message of changes in a status of said message.

10.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said alerting arrangement comprises means arranged for notifying [[a]] the sender of an alert of changes in a status of said alert.

11. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 9, wherein said status comprises one of the group including "sent"," not read", "read", "expired", "reminded" and "settled". .

12. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said controlling arrangement is accessible by means of an interface, including a graphical user interface, a voice control interface, an interactive voice response interface and a Dual-Tone Multi-Frequency interface.

13. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said alerting arrangement is accessible by means of an interface, including a graphical user interface, a voice control interface, an interactive voice response interface and a Dual-Tone Multi-Frequency interface.

14. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said controlling arrangement comprises validating means, arranged for verification and authorization of a subscriber to the communications network attempting to access [[a]] the outgoing stored message, for establishing whether said subscriber is the intended receiver of said message, before granting access to said message by said subscriber.

15. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 14, wherein said validating means are arranged for verification and authorization of said subscriber using said additional information.

16. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said alerting arrangement is arranged for including in said alert information as how to access [[a]] the outgoing stored message.

17. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said controlling arrangement is arranged for storing and accessing [[a]] the outgoing message under control of the intended receiver of said message.

18. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said alerting arrangement is arranged for controlling said alert by said intended receiver.

19. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 17, wherein the extent of said control is defined by said sender.

20. (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said accessing arrangement is arranged for providing access to an intended receiver of [[a]] the outgoing message under access conditions defined by said sender of said message.

21. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said accessing arrangement is accessible by means of an interface, including a graphical user interface, a voice control interface, an interactive voice response interface and a Dual-Tone Multi-Frequency interface.

22. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said storage facility is distributed over said communications network.

23. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, arranged for sending and receiving messages including voice mail messages, short messages, email messages and video mail.

24. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, arranged for providing alerts in message form, including voice mail messages, short messages, email messages and video mail.

25. (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said alert takes the shape of a form for processing and displaying by a graphic user

interface, said form comprising information of ~~at one least~~ [[a]] the outgoing message for said intended receiver.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 25, wherein said graphic user interface is arranged for duplex transfer of data, and wherein said form is an interactive form.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein said communications network comprises at least one of group comprised by telecommunications and data networks including the Internet, a Public Switched Telephone Network, an Integrated Services Digital network, and a Public Land Mobile Network.

28.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, further comprising a terminal including

control means arranged for interfacing with at least one of said controlling, alerting and accessing arrangements.

29.   (Currently Amended)   A network node arrangement for use in a communications network, said network node arrangement comprises a controlling arrangement, arranged for controlling storage of [[a]] an outgoing message and for controlling access to [[a]] the outgoing stored message; an accessing arrangement, arranged for providing access to [[a]] the outgoing stored message, and an alerting arrangement, arranged for providing an intended receiver with an alert relating to the storage of [[a]] the outgoing message ~~in accordance with any of the previous claims~~.

30.   (Currently Amended)   A method of sending and receiving multi media messages in a communications network, between a ~~at least one~~ sender and at least one intended receiver of a message, said method comprising the steps of:

- storing by said sender of an outging ~~at least one~~ message in at least one storage facility, arranged for storing the outgoing ~~at least one~~ message,

- alerting at least one intended receiver by an alert relating to the storage of [[a]] the outgoing message, and

- providing access to a stored message, wherein ~~characterized in that~~, said message is stored and accessed under control of the sender of said message.

31.   (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, wherein each storage facility is an outbox that is assigned to and paid for by said sender of [[a]] the outgoing message, and wherein said sender selects [[a]] the storage facility for storing [[a]] the outgoing message.

32.   (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of manipulating a stored outgoing message by said sender, said manipulation including at least one of reading, editing and removing said outgoing message stored under the control of said sender.

33.   (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of controlling said alert by said sender of [[a]] the outgoing message.

34.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of manipulating an alert, said manipulation including at least one of reading, editing and removing said alert under the control of said sender.

35.   (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of including additional information with [[a]] the outgoing stored message.

36.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of including additional information with an alert.

37. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim. 35, wherein said additional information comprises one of the group including: a message identifier, at least one identification key for identifying at least one intended receiver, a telephone number, a URL, a message identifier, a subject, a personal identification number for access authorization and verification purposes, urgency of the message, validity or expiration time of the message, type of alert including a call attempt and a multimedia message, number of alerts, location of the storage facility of the message, key dates, message status and flags that will trigger transfer of notifiers of status changes to the sender.

38. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of notifying [[a]] the sender of [[a]] the outgoing stored message of changes in a status of said message.

39. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of notifying [[a]] the sender of an alert of changes in a status of said alert.

40. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 38, wherein said status comprises one of the group including "sent", "not read"," read", "expired", "reminded" and "settled".

41. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of validating a subscriber to the communications network attempting to access [[a]] the outgoing stored message, for establishing whether said subscriber is the intended receiver of said message, before granting access to said message by said subscriber, said validation includes verification and authorization of said subscriber.

42. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 41, wherein said validation of said subscriber is performed using said additional information.

43. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of including in said alert information as how to access [[a]] the outgoing stored message.

44. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of storing and accessing [[a]] the outgoing message under control of the intended receiver of said message.

45. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of controlling said alert by said intended receiver.

46. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 44, wherein the extent of said control is defined by said sender.

47. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of providing access to an intended receiver of [[a]] the outgoing message under access conditions defined by said sender of said message.

48. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of sending and receiving messages including voice mail messages, multimedia messages, short messages, email messages and video mail.

49. (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of providing alerts in message form, including voice mail messages, multimedia messages, short messages, email messages and video mail.

50. (Currently Amended)   The method according to claim 30 further comprising the step of providing said alert with the shape of an interactive form, for processing and displaying by a graphic user interface, said form comprising information of the outgoing at least one message for said intended receiver.